

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated February 23, 2010. After its entry, claims 27-46 are pending in this application and subject to examination. Claims 1-26 are cancelled. New claims 27-46 are added. Support for these new claims is found at page 2, lines 30-35, of the present specification and in the claims as originally filed. No new matter is added.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Statement of Substance of Interview

The Examiner and the undersigned participated in a telephonic interview on March 18, 2010. The Examiner and the undersigned discussed Applicants' proposed amendment to the claims. Applicants proposed to amend the claims to recite that the recited monofilm or at least one layer of the recited multilayer film comprises from 20 to 80 % by weight, based on the total weight of polyolefins, of at least one of the recited COCs. The Examiner indicated that such a recitation would overcome the outstanding rejection, since the primary reference Oda employs its COC as the sole constituent of a layer, and only then in lamination with other polyolefin layers.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-4, 7-15, 17, 18, and 22-26 stand rejected as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,876,814 to Oda et al. (Oda) in combination with U.S. Patent No. 6,682,797 to Otoi et al. (Otoi) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,783,273 to Yamamoto et al. (Yamamoto) or U.S. Patent No. 5,321,030 to Hirose et al. (Hirose). However, since these claims are cancelled, this rejection is now moot.

New Claims 27-46

Applicants submit that new claims 27-46 are non-obvious and patentable over the combined disclosures of Oda, Otoi, and Yamamoto or Oda, Otoi, and Hirose for the reasons discussed in the March 18, 2010 phone interview with the Examiner. Specifically, Applicants

submit that neither of these combinations of references teach or suggest either a monofilm or a multilayer film having at least one layer that comprises from 20 to 80 % by weight, based on the total weight of polyolefins, of a COC. Applicants respectfully request entry and allowance of new claims 27-46.

Applicants and the undersigned also thank the Examiner for his professionalism and courtesy throughout the course of prosecution of this application.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this amendment. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 13975-00002-US, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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